

THE SEED

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



March 2011

Dear friends of Christ:

Many of you are old friends, but there are quite a few who are new acquaintances. This is my second stint as your Interim Pastor. The last time was in 1993 following Rev. Steve Erickson. And now I follow your previous Interim Pastor, Paul Balaban. In between were Rev. Floyd Anderson and Rev. Paul Schwartzkopf.

Much has changed in these 18 years. The most obvious is the new sanctuary and subsequent redesign of former sanctuary/fellowship portion of the building. Another is that you now celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service. Other noticeable changes to me are the use of PowerPoint and projection during worship.

What hasn't changed is the friendly nature of those who attend worship each Sunday, and the fellowship time that follows. Only the faces have changed a bit. Just a few words about my family. I am still married to Lori, now going on 18 + years. We have been blessed with Brianna, 12, attending QJHS in 7th grade and she plays flute in the band. Matthew, 9, attends Ellington, and he is active in basketball, soccer, and baseball.

I am contracted to work half-time as Interim Pastor, so typically you will see me on Sunday mornings, and in the office from 9am to 1pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (to coordinate with Ashley Maas's schedule as office secretary). I am available at other times by appointment. Please call the office 224-1624, my home number 222-5726, or use my new email: pastorclc@adams.net. Typically, I am not available from 2:30 pm-7pm as I have to pick up kids from the bus stop, drive the kids to allergy shots, confirmation class at Luther Memorial, sports practice, Girl Scouts, or cooking dinner, etc. I am the primary care giver to our children as Lori typically works until 6 or 7 pm every night at Roquette America, Keokuk, where she is on the Exec team and reports to the President of the company.



Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011

Council Members present: Sue McLennan, Dick Klusmeyer, Joan Kammerlohr, Jim Bailey, Trish Santos, Bonnie Scranton, Pastor Hale, Reth Stolberg, Donna Parke, Ashley Maas, and Sue Reeder
Absent: Bruce Holderbaum, Tom Holte

Pastor Hale led us with opening prayer. Sue Reeder provided the opening devotions and Bonnie Scranton will do devotions next month. President Sue McLennan called the meeting to order at 6:35. There were no announcements. The minutes of the January 11th meeting were approved as corrected. The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 16th were approved as written. We will review the minutes of the annual meeting and the special council meeting at the next council meeting.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:

Trish reported that she will meet with Robin and Pastor Hale on February 21st. All committee members need to turn in receipts. The reports were discussed and approved subject to audit.

President's Report: Sue reported that an auditing team led by Bill Wolters will do an audit by the end of February. An Interim Contract has been received from the Bishop. She shared some information from him about the Call process.

Interim Pastor's Report:

1. All Council members introduced themselves.
2. He reviewed the Interim Ministry tasks and timelines with us.
3. He will be in the church office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-1 or by appointment. He shared his contact numbers with us.
4. We went over some information, but will deal with most of these concerns at the Council retreat.
5. The Property Team will back up Bruce Holderbaum on changing the front sign.
6. We approved a motion to designate \$2000 a month for a housing allowance out of his salary.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: Robin will give Jim monthly reports. Vickie Locke will pull together the Time and Talent sheets which will be given to the Ministry teams. The team will be devising goals. Bonnie Scranton and Bonnie Conover have volunteered to get the membership lists up to date.

Property: No report, but Reth, Jeff, Alec, and Austin Stolberg were thanked for all the shoveling they did at church.

Service: No report

Worship: The team will meet on February 9th at 5:30. Hymns have been selected through February 13th.

Witness: Bonnie Conover gave her material to Sue Reeder. Lenten services will deal with how hunger is affecting some countries. The proceeds from the soup suppers will go to ELCA Hunger fund.

Learning: A meeting will be set up in the near future.

Fellowship: Ashley suggested some fellowship activities such as Ladies' Night and Movie Night. A team meeting will be held next Thursday.

Call Committee: No report

Old Business:

1. The church will be used on April 5th as a polling place for four precincts which will generate \$300 for the church. Ashley will call Georgia Volm for details.
2. The Muslim dinner will be held on Saturday, February 19th at the church. We can call Dr. Ali for reservations.
3. Ashley said that a Firefighter flyer had been put up.
4. Bonnie discussed the Luther Fest which will be held on August 28th. There will be a picnic, worship, and family reception shared with county churches. We have been asked to host the event. She will contact Knights of Columbus about possible use of their facility and also city parks.
5. A motion was passed to put \$250 in a Roth IRA for Pastor's ELCA pension each month.

New Business:

1. The Council Retreat will be from 9-12 on February 26th. We will work on Church goals and then re-meet later in the year.
2. Life Line Screening will be April 11th at the church.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary Joan Kammerlohr

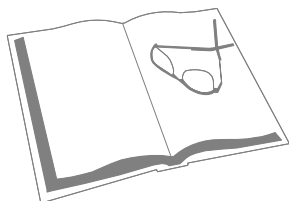
Next meeting is March 8, 2011



BIG THANK YOU TO CHRIST LUTHERAN

- A really big thank you to our congregation in supplying such an abundant quantity of supplies and food for the Madonna House. Even though you only had a short notice, you came through with flying colors. This exemplifies what a giving church we have.
- Bonnie Scranton would like to thank the Property Team for all the work they did at her house. It was appreciated very much.
- Sister Florence Kuhn & Sister Jackie Sellmeyer would like to thank our congregation for the lovely manger scenes on behalf of their residents. They were enjoyed by all and a reminder to keep Christ in Christmas .

BOOKS & BREW



Our group has decided on the following books for 2011. In March, our selection will be “Snowbound: A Winter Idyll”, by John Greenleaf Whittier. This will be our first discussion of a poem. In April, the selection is “A Walk On The Beach”, by Joan Anderson. May will bring us to “The Wedding”, by Dorothy West. Looking ahead to September we will read and review “The House On Malcolm Street”, by Leisha Kelly. In October it will be “Promise of the Heart”, by Michelle Tournear. We will meet again on March 22nd at Panera at 6 PM. As usual most of us have read the selected book or at least started it or are thinking about it (!), but we go mainly for the fellowship (O.K., maybe the food too!). Join us any time as we’d love to see you.

LIST OF KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED



Charlotte Tooke has made a list of supplies needed to restock the kitchen. 2—5 Qt. Pans, Cookie Sheets, Small Roaster, Ice Pick, Measuring Cups & Glass Measuring Cups. Please call her at (217) 224-4501 if you can donate any of the above items. That way it can be tracked as to what is being donated and not end up with duplicates on some and nothing on others. Thanks!!!!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL BULLETIN!!!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Congregational Advocates Needed

The Adams County Chapter for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans needs four volunteers to serve as congregational advocates. This involves advocating for our congregation, our community and Thrivent Financial. The time commitment is approximately five hours per month. In order to serve in this capacity you must be an associate or benefit member of Thrivent Financial. There will be a training session the end of April for all chapter advocates. To learn more about this opportunity, visit the chapter website at: www.lutheransonline.com/adamscountyilchapter. If you would be willing to serve our chapter, please see Joan Larner or call her at 222.0967 or send an e-mail: jlarnar@hughes.net.

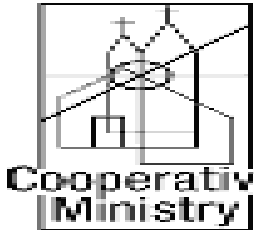


*AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE FOR
January 2, 2011 through February 13— 79
January 1, 2010 through February 14—85*

To the people who record these numbers, please try to get them in so we can have an accurate accounting. Thank You. The count listed above is only for 4 weeks out of 8.

EASTER BRUNCH—IS THERE SOMEONE PLANNING THIS EVENT— LET ME KNOW—???

We will need to get something in the April Seed so everyone is informed properly.



TIME & TALENT NEEDED

We have many people who have volunteered to be Readers and Greeters. We could really use some of you to step up to cover the areas of Assisting Minister, Usher, Deacon and Sound System. Please contact Ron or Joan Lerner. Thanking you in advance for your consideration. Below is outlined what each position does.

- **Ushers need to be at church 20 minutes before service. They light the candles before the service and extinguish them during last hymn. They take attendance and record it on a form on the west table in Narthex. They take up collection and indicate when people are to go to the front to commune.**
 - **Deacons pass the tray of wine and grape juice saying “The Blood of Christ shed for you” as the person selects his or her cup.**
 - **Assisting Minister need to be in church a few minutes before the service begins in order to look over the service binder. These duties can change with each Pastor’s way of doing the service. These duties seem pretty simple now with Pastor Hale.**
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HY-VEE SHOPPERS

Altar Guild would appreciate your taking the time to bring UPC labels from Hy-Vee brand products to church. These are used to help defray expenses for flowers and altar supplies. Please continue to save the labels and bring them to the kitchen at church. Altar Guild receives \$.05 per label. Thanks for all your help. *Altar Guild*



- If you’re the last person to leave the church, please remember to turn the lights off, check to make sure all thermostats are lowered and that the doors are locked. These mentioned items have been found undone on several occasions.
- Pizza & Game Night—Saturday March 26th starting at 6 pm. This event is for everyone—not just the kids. Bring your favorite game and come join us.
- Also reserve Saturday, April 23rd from 1-2:30 pm for our Easter Party.
- Greenmount Cemetery is having a cleanup from March 14th through the 18th. Families are being asked to remove all items, except Shepherd Hooks & Staff, by the 13th and do not replace them until March 19th.
- Our study for the Lenten Season will be World Hunger and a different country will be featured each week. These will be listed on your calendar. 3/16—Nicaragua, 3/23—Palestine, 3/30—Pakistan.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH

	March 6	March 9 Ash Wednesday	March 13	March 20	March 27
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Jeri Klusmeyer	Sue Reeder	Joan Larner Crystal Bernett	Tom Holte Mary Reeve	Pat Bell Jim Bailey
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Ashley Maas		Bob Bolte Jim Bailey	Ron Larner Amy Stollberg	Dick Tabb Samantha Stollberg
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Trish Santos		Dick Tabb Daune McCulloch	Joan Larner Sue McLennan	Stu Bell Ashley Maas
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Kathy Wolters Kaye Marshall	Dick & Sue Tabb	Stuart & Kris Peters David & Daune McCulloch	Virgene Gilkerson Jim & Cheryl Brinkman	Joanne Brubaker Andrew & Ashley Maas
DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30AM	Joan Larner Crystal Bernett	Bonnie Scranton	Ron Larner Cheryl Brinkman	Sue Reeder Wayne McLennan	Bruce Holderbaum Reth Stollberg
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas	Bruce Holderbaum	Stuart Peters Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas
COFFEE HOUR	Group 2		Group 3	Group 4	Group 5

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in March and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

March 6 Melvin Dillman 9 Judy Kauffman 12 Scott Kimber Joe Brinkman Ashley Maas 15 Ashley Stollberg 16 Evan Conover David Reeder 17 Konner Glasgow 19 Bonnie Scranton	20 Madelyn Kimber 21 Kristen McEwen 22 Virgene Gilkerson 25 Rachel Zimmerman 26 Samantha Conover 29 Delaney Dillman 31 Pat Buelmann Paul Hesse
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If you have a wedding anniversary in March and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

March	4 Wayne and Sue McLennan
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March

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>2 9 am Property Party 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>3 3:15 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>4 Tai Chi</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:00 am Worship/Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Group 2)</p>	<p>7 Girl Scouts Pickup Cookies 4:45— 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Girl Scouts 6:30 6:30 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 9 am Property Party <i>Ash X Wednesday</i> 7 pm Worship 8 pm. Choir Recovery Res. 3:30-7 pm</p>	<p>10 3:15 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>11 Dave Ramsey Financial Peace 6:30—8:30 p.m. Tai Chi</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 8:00 am Worship/Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Group 3)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9 am Property Party 6 pm Meal & World Hun- ger Topic—Nicaragua Choir Following</p>	<p>17 3:15 pm Confirmation Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Tai Chi</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 8:00 am Worship/Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Group 4)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Books & Brew Panera's 6 pm</p>	<p>23 9 am Property Party 7 pm Meal & World Hun- ger Topic—Palestine Choir Following</p>	<p>24 3:15 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>25 Tai Chi</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:00 am Worship/Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Group 5)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 N. W. Confer- ence—Golden 9-12 noon</p>	<p>30 9 am Property Party 6 pm Meal & World Hun- ger Topic—Pakistan Choir Following</p>	<p>31 3:15 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>Mark April 16th on your calendar. Open invitation to McLennan's 50th Anniversary at Camp Point Village Winery—2-5 pm</p>	